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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1217

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FOR INGERSOLL FROM BRUCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ROBERT INGERSOLL)

SUBJ: VISIT TO PEKING

REF: STATE 002464

1. SHOULD THE CHINESE FIND IT "NOT CONVENIENT" FOR YOU TO VISIT PEKING AT THIS TIME AND MEET WITH SENIOR PRC OFFICIALS, I AM OF THE OPINION THAT THE VISIT MIGHT BETTER BE CANCELLED ENTIRELY. FREQUENT HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WAS ONE OF THE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, AND IT SHOULD BE IN THE CHINESE INTEREST TO HAVE YOU COME. MUCH AS WE WOULD VALUE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE DI*CUSSIONS WITH YOU, I QUESTION THE APPROPRIATENESS OF SOMEONE OF YOUR RANK COMING TO PEKING SOLELY FOR IN-HOUSE MEETINGS AND WITHOUT BEING RECEIVED BY ANY PRC OFFICIALS.

2. I SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT YOU GIVE US A CUTOFF DATE BY WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO HAVE DEFINITE WORD FROM THE CHINESE IN ORDER TO PLAN YOUR ITINERARY WITHOUT AWKWARDNESS. IF WE HAVE NO REPLY BY YOUR CUTOFF DATE, I WOULD PROPOSE TELLING THE CHINESE THAT YOU REGRET THAT YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME TO PEKING SINCE NO WORD RECEIVED BY TIME YOU REQUIRED TO MAKE FINAL COMMITMENTS AT OTHER
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STOPS. MEANWHILE, WE PLAN TO NUDGE THEM ON THIS AT A MEETING ON CULTURAL EXCHANGES JANUARY 9.
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